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DHEW/OE/DIE FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM GROUP PROJECTS ABROAD

REF: A-457, JANUARY 27, 1976

1. POST HAS NO OBJECTION TO UNIVERSITY GROUP PROGRAM PROPOSALS SUBMITTED WITH REFERENCE. PROJECTS FALL WITHIN AREAS OF CURRICULUM STUDY, CONTEMPORARY EGYPT, AND ARABIC STUDIES, AND POST SEES NO POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES THAT WOULD INHIBIT SUCCESS. ALSO, PROJECTS ARE WELL WITHIN THE AIMS OF JWG ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

2. ALL HOST INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING CONCERNED EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES, AFME, AUC, AND THE CENTER FOR EGYPTIAN STUDIES AWARE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO MINOR COMPLICATIONS. CAIRO UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE SPONSORSHIP OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY GROUP PROJECT, BUT HAVING DIFFICULTY LINING UP LOCAL PROJECT SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR WHO HANDLED PREVIOUS GROUP PROJECTS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER. CAIRO UNIVERSITY WILL NEED ANOTHER TWO WEEKS BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE COMMITMENT. AUC ALSO HAS BEEN DELAYED IN RESPONDING. AUC IS, OF COURSE, COMMITTED TO THE ANNUAL CASA PROGRAM, BUT HAS ASKED FOR ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO SPONSOR UNIVERSITY OF UTAH CURRICULUM STUDY PROJECT FOR UTAH EDUCATORS.

3. IN THE EVENT AUC CHOOSES NOT TO TAKE ON UTAH PROJECT, THE POST IS WORKING THROUGH THE OFFICES OF DR. ISMAIL AND DR. BADRAN, CAIRO UNIVERSITY, TO SELECT ALTERNATE EGYPTIAN

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INSTITUTION AS SPONSOR, WITH AIN SHAMS A GOOD POSSIBILITY.

POST HAS URGED AUC TAKE EARLY ACTION, AND WILL ADVISE DHEW
AND CU AS SOON AS DECISION REACHED, HOPEFULLY BY EARLY NEXT
WEEK. BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR PROJECTS APPEAR TO BE REALISTIC,
BUT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WHEN PROJECT DIRECTORS
AND SPONSOR HAVE MORE CLOSELY FOCUSED ON PROJECTS.

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